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Bingo Bulletin

To: Missouri Bingo Licensees
From: Missouri Gaming Commission, Bingo Division
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On April 4, 2002, the Commission approved a temporary change to the pull-tab winner packaging requirements, which would remain in effect through May 31, 2003.

The Commission has only received a minimal number of complaints concerning the placement of pull-tab winners during the trial period. Therefore, we will continue to allow winning pull-tabs to be packaged in either a **random/random** or **random/select** method. We will also continue to monitor complaints concerning pull-tab prizes to ensure the integrity of these games. If problems continue to be minimal, they will be handled on a case-by-case basis. However, if **a trend develops of significant problems**, appropriate action would be taken to ensure fairness to players and the accountability of bingo organizations, suppliers, and manufacturers.

Illegal Activities and Public Trust - The Gaming Commission takes immediate action to revoke the bingo license of organizations that engage in any form of criminal activity. Please don't risk losing your bingo program over illegal gambling machines or other activities that cannot be allowed to coexist with licensed charitable games. Maintaining the public's trust in the integrity of bingo and pull-tab games will benefit all bingo organizations – and it is the responsibility of every bingo organization to protect that trust.

In recent months the Gaming Commission has received a number of complaints concerning a game referred to as the 'Horse Race Game'. This game is a form of side betting between groups of players, usually wagering on the line or row that will be filled on the bingo board first. This game is illegal in accordance with Chapter 572 RSMo. It is the responsibility of the organization to ensure that this type of gambling activity is not taking place at your bingo occasions. Please periodically remind your players that the 'Horse Race Game' and any other illegal games they may play on your premises could result in disciplinary action being taken against the organization.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our office at the Missouri Gaming Commission, Bingo Division, PO Box 1847, Jefferson City, MO 65102, or telephone 573-526-5370 or toll free in Missouri at **1-866-801-8643**.

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